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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk / Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
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RE: Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service; Docket No. 2009-479-WS

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and ten (10) copies of the surety bond approved by the Commission in its Order No. 2010-543 in the above-referenced docket. This bond is being submitted pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(D) and rates not exceeding those approved to be placed into effect under bond in Order No. 2010-543 will be effective on today's date.

I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this document by date-stamping the extra copy that is enclosed and returning it to me via our courier. By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel of record with a copy of the bond and enclose a certificate of service to that effect.

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If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.



John M. S. Hoefer

JMSH/cm
Enclosure

cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire
Jeffrey Nelson, Esquire
Duke K. McCall, Jr., Esquire

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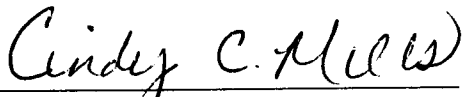
Application of United Utility Companies,
Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges
and modifications to certain terms
and conditions for the provision of
water and sewer service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the **Surety Bond approved by the Commission in its Order No. 2010-543** by placing same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service with first class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire
Jeffrey Nelson, Esquire
Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street, Suite 900
Columbia, SC 29201

Duke K. McCall, Jr., Esquire
Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP
Post Office Box 87
Greenville, SC 29602


Cindy C. Mills

Columbia, South Carolina
This 12th day of January, 2012.

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_____)

BOND No.

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS, that United Utility Companies, Inc. as principal and RLI Insurance Company, a corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois, duly authorized to transact business in the State of South Carolina as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the customers of United Utility Companies, Inc. affected by Order No. 2010-375 of the Public Service Commission, dated May 17, 2010, and any Order denying reconsideration thereof, issued in the above-captioned proceeding, for the sum of three hundred eleven thousand four hundred twenty-six and No/100s dollars (\$311,426.00) in lawful money of the United States of America, for payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

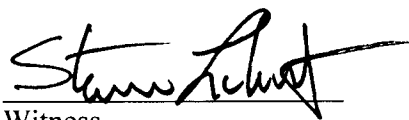
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the Commission Orders under appeal are ultimately determined to be valid and enforceable, then, United Utility Companies, Inc. hereby promises to refund amounts it has collected in excess of

the amounts finally determined to be correct under the appropriate rate schedules. Any such refunds shall include interest as provided by law.

SIGNED, sealed and dated this 9th day of January, 2012.

As to Principal

United Utility Companies, Inc.



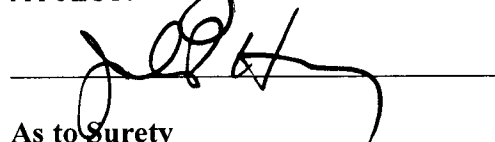
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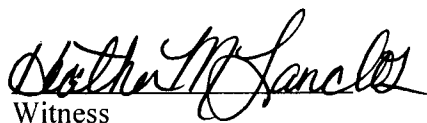


ATTEST:



As to Surety

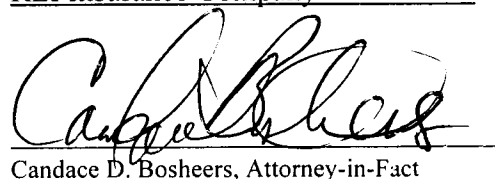
RLI Insurance Company



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Candace D. Bosheers, Attorney-in-Fact



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POWER OF ATTORNEY

RLI Insurance Company

Know All Men by These Presents:

That this Power of Attorney is not valid or in effect unless attached to the bond which it authorizes executed, but may be detached by the approving officer if desired.

That **RLI Insurance Company**, an Illinois corporation, does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

Dan W. Burton, Teresa D. Kelly, Benjamin D. Wilcox, Candace D. Bosheers, jointly or severally.

in the City of Houston, State of Texas its true and lawful Agent and Attorney in Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety, the following described bond.

Any and all bonds provided the bond penalty does not exceed Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00).

The acknowledgment and execution of such bond by the said Attorney in Fact shall be as binding upon this Company as if such bond had been executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of this Company.

The **RLI Insurance Company** further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of **RLI Insurance Company**, and now in force to-wit:

"All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or Agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **RLI Insurance Company** has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 6th day of October, 2011.



RLI Insurance Company

By: [Signature]
Roy C. Die Vice President

State of Illinois }
County of Peoria } SS

CERTIFICATE

On this 6th day of October, 2011, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Roy C. Die, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that he signed the above Power of Attorney as the aforesaid officer of the **RLI Insurance Company** and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

I, the undersigned officer of **RLI Insurance Company**, a stock corporation of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney is in full force and effect and is irrevocable; and furthermore, that the Resolution of the Company as set forth in the Power of Attorney, is now in force. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the **RLI Insurance Company** this 4th day of January, 2012

By: [Signature]
Jacqueline M. Bockler Notary Public

RLI Insurance Company

By: [Signature]
Roy C. Die Vice President



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